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SUBJECT: SIGNIFICANT U.S. GOVERNMENT CLAIMS AGAINST FOREIGN-
GOVERNMENTS

1. THE "AGREED MINUTE" OF SEPTEMBER 4, 1974 NEGOTIATED WITH THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC IN CONNECTION WITH DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF THAT COUNTRY BY THE UNITED STATES, PROVIDES THAT THE CLAIMS OF EACH COUNTRY AGAINST THE OTHER ARE TO BE THE SUBJECT OF BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. THE TEXT OF THIS PROVISION, WHICH IS PARAGRAPH 10 OF THE "AGREED MINUTE", IS AS FOLLOWS:

"FOLLOWING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND THE OPENING OF EMBASSIES, UPON THE REQUEST OF EITHER SIDE, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS AND OTHER FINANCIAL AND PROPERTY QUESTIONS WHICH REMAIN UNRESOLVED, EACH GOVERNMENT BEING ENTITLED TO RAISE DURING THESE NEGOTIATIONS THE QUESTIONS IT WISHES TO HAVE DEALT WITH. INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA WILL BE PROPERTY AND OTHER QUESTIONS WHICH AROSE PRIOR TO OR SINCE 1945 WHICH HAVE NOT OTHERWISE BEEN SETTLED."

2. THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT AT PRESENT THE U.S. CLAIMS COMMISSION IS ASSEMBLING INFORMATION ON CLAIMS AGAINST THE GDR FOR EVENTUAL PRESENTATION IN SUCH NEGOTIATIONS. WE ARE NOT INFORMED WHAT PROPORTION, IF ANY, OF THESE CLAIMS WILL INVOLVE CLAIMS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.
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MENT AS DISTINCT FROM CLAIMS OF PRIVATE PERSONS AGAINST

THE GDR. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT
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